Dennis W. Torrence

Dennis W. Torrence, President of Virginia Vocational Agricultural Teachers Association, will be attending the 25th Annual NVATA Convention in Atlanta from December 1st through December 5th.

Delegate To NVATA Convention

Approximately 600 teachers of Vocational Agriculture, state agriculture supervisors, and teacher educators will attend the National Vocational Agriculture Teachers' Association (NVATA) Convention at Atlanta. The 25th annual Convention will be held December 1-5 in conjunction with the American Vocational Association (AVA) convention. The agricultural educators will be among the estimated 9,000 vocational educators attending the AVA sectional meetings, general sessions, and trade show.

Seven members of the Virginia Vocational Agricultural Teachers' Association will be attending, including Dennis W. Torrence, vocational agriculture teacher in the Appomattox County high school at Appomattox, who will serve as an official delegate at the annual NVATA business sessions and Regional meetings. Torrence will also represent Virginia's 350 agriculture Teachers as President of The Virginia Agricultural Teachers Association.

The NVATA is the professional organization for vocational educators in agriculture. Organized in December 1948, several programs have been designed to emphasize and commemorate the silver anniversary convention. Over 10,000 agricultural educators belong to the NVATA, representing approximately 90% of the potential membership.

Francis N. Murphy, vocational agriculture teacher at Madison, South Dakota is the NVATA president, and James Wall is the Executive Secretary. The National office is at Lincoln, Nebraska.

Ice cream has tantalized the taste buds of the likes of George Washington, Dolly Madison and King Charles I of England. Many are the guises and nicknames of ice cream, but Americans - as diversified a people as the dessert they love - are agreed upon this: ice cream is here to stay. Americans aren't alone in their love of ice cream; the whole world gulps down 10 billion ice cream cones a year. And to think that the ice cream cone was created only 69 years ago at the World's Fair in St. Louis.

Snow Removal Top Priority

The first snows of the season have already fallen on western Virginia and with more surely on the way, the state's highway maintenance men are ready for their annual road-clearing battles--dispite the looming fuel shortage and possible government rationing.

How will the Department of Highways manage to operate its huge snow removal machines if there is not enough gasoline? How can the roads be kept open for school buses, for doctors on call, for mail deliveries, for rescue squads -- even for the trip to the corner grocery store?

"We'll manage," said John M. Wray, Jr., director of operations for the Virginia Department of Highways.

"We have anticipated a shortage of motor fuel," Wray said. "Experts in the field warned us long ago that this was coming. So we redirected our planning to take care of it.

"As of November 1 we went on a quota system. Our quotas of motor fuel are allotted on a quarterly basis. And snow removal is our top priority," Wray said.

"If the snowfalls are unusually heavy this winter, that means we use more equipment for a longer period of time and, naturally, use more fuel. In that case, we will simply borrow from the next quarter's quota," he added.

"It is our responsibility to the people of Virginia to keep their roads cleared during periods of snow. We have planned for it and we are ready for it," Wray said.

He also pointed out that should the demand for fuel to operate snow removal equipment be unusually heavy this winter, some other, less important, service might have to be curtailed.

"That would be a temporary thing," Wray said. "If a situation arises that is extreme enough to require an overabundance of motor fuel, we could temporarily eliminate some other service. But that service would be resumed once the emergency ended," Wray explained.

"Of course, should the present situation become even worse than now anticipated, we might have to redirect our thinking again.

"Whatever the President, the Governor or our highway commissioner asks of us, we will certainly cooperate in accomplishing. But right now, we're okay. We can handle the snow," Wray said.

Planning for winter operations begins months ahead. This planning is meticulous and widespread, encompassing each one of the Department of Highways' eight districts. Meetings are held, equipment is tested and put in top operating form, and finally the actual "rehearsing" of both equipment and men takes place.

These run-throughs usually occur in October and every detail of snow removal is worked out. Each man involved has a specified task, and each piece of equipment must perform its part in the overall master plan to assure success, Wray explained.

In heavy snowfails, some maintenance employees of the Highway Department work around the clock, getting only brief respites, and some have been known to work several days before being relieved.

So much for the men and machines. How about the economics of snow removal? These figures, too, are staggering.

Robert P. Wingfield, assistant state maintenance engineer for the Highway Department, who this year will have charge of snow removal operations, said that the Department expects to spend in excess of $6,000,000 keeping the state's roads free of ice and snow.

This projected sum would result from a "moderate" winter with average amounts of snow. A more severe winter, with heavier and longer lasting snows would, of course, push this figure upwards.

Last winter the Department spent $4,823,314 on snow and ice removal. Last winter was considered extremely "mild." In 1971-72 the figure was $5,959,315, this being the lowest figure since the winter of 1965-66, up to that time.

The Highway Department has almost completed erecting over 4,000,000 feet of snow fence throughout the state -- primarily in rural areas. This innovation is invaluable for combatting drifting which can snarl transportation for days in times of heavy snows.

More than 60,000 tons of chemicals are available for spreading on snow-covered roads and highways and 100,000 tons of sand and other abrasives have been stockpiled along roadsides.

Wingfield said that the Department expects to spend at least $3,000,000 paying the 5,500 maintenance employees who will be engaged in snow removal operations and that $750,000 is earmarked for keeping equipment in effective condition.

Additionally, each year the Department rents some supplemental privately-owned equipment for use in ice and snow removal. Estimated cost of this is $400,000.

"When the cry is raised," writes the Arizona Farm Bureau Federation, "that we cannot afford to buy food today, what is really meant is 'I'm having some difficulty making payments on a second car!' Nowhere else but in America does the average wage earner have two cars, an air conditioned and two TV sets. This is possible because in this country we spend a relatively small percentage of our income on food - 15.7 percent this year."

"They're dependable, conscientious, and competent according to most surveys," notes the National Association of Manufacturers, "yet women over 40 have difficulties getting jobs. A study by the Ohio State University for the Labor Department's Manpower Administration revealed that the employment situation for mature women is discouraging. The unemployment rate for women 40 through 64 in 1972 was one third higher than for men of the same age. Employers discriminate against older women for several reasons, mainly because they are falsely regarded as difficult to train, inclined to absenteeism, and are apt to quit. A Civil Service Study shows, however, that older women do stick to their jobs. Turnover rates for women in their early fifties are about one sixth that of women in their twenties. The study also shows that women over 40 take less sick leave than younger women."

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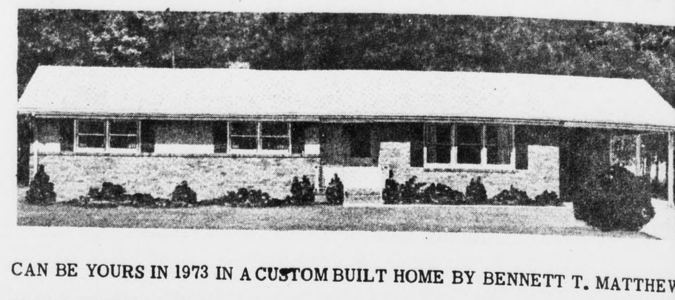

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...ere were three categories in the ...try Music Show - Local, Country Music, and Blue Grass. Winners in these categories are as follows: Local - First place, The New Hope Singers from the Concord area; Frank Johnson, Second place and Phillip Epperson won Third place; In the Country Music, The Country Sound won first place, The Piedmont Playboys won Second place and The Heartaches (shown above) won third place. In the Blue Grass category, The Blue Grass Gentlemen won first place, The New Virginia Grass won second place and third place went to The Stoney Ridge Boys.

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...prayer we tempt God if we ask for that which we labour ...; our faithful endeavors must second our devotion....If we ...for grace and neglect the spring from whence it comes, ...an we speed? It was a rule in ancient times, "Lay thy hand ...plough, and then pray." No man should pray without ...ing, nor plough without prayer."

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Earnie W. Lucas:Pastor
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Letter To The Editor

November 27, 1973

The Times-Virginian
P.O. Box 665
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Dear Editor:

We agree with a number of Appomattox citizens that some of the material used by the two clowns of Lynchburg at our Annual Country Music Festival was in poor taste. We would like to apologize to anyone who was offended by their jokes. Material used by the clowns was not reviewed by the Jaycees nor was the music presented by the contestants. We learned after the show this was standard material used by the clowns with names added from the community they are performing in.

The Country Music show has annually made a Christmas for some fifty less fortunate children in Appomattox and this year the show has made available approximately $500.00 for these children. We thank the community for its continuing support of this program and we are deeply sorry if anyone was offended by the remarks of the two clowns.

Watkins Abbitt, Jr., President
Appomattox County Jaycees

Artist Slated To Return To Appomattox

Due to the many requests, Mrs. Lenore Holsveig of Roanoke, the artist who sketches both charcoal and pastel portraits, will return to Appomattox on December 2nd and December 3rd to continue with her sketching.

Mrs. Holsveig was in Appomattox during the Appomattox Railroad Festival and was unable to do all the portraits that local people indicated that they wanted.

If you are interested in having a portrait sketched, call 352-8135 after 5 p.m.

PAMPLIN

Rev. and Mrs. Carl Manear, of Sterling, Va. were visitors last week end with Rev. and Mrs. Durwood Fox.

Rev. and Mrs. Durwood Fox had as their Thanksgiving guest their children and families, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Hendricks and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Underwood, Derward, Jr. of Front Royal, Va. and Edward, from Arlington.

Miss Betty Clarkson and Mr. Dennis Clarkson returned to their homes in Williamsburg and Newport News on Sunday after spending the Thanksgiving week end with their parents and brother, Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Clarkson and Timmy, in Pamplin.

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